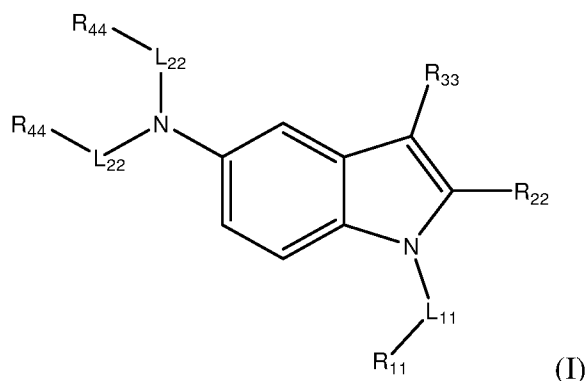


## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following,

[0018] In a first embodiment the invention comprises a compound of formula (I):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

$L^{11}$  is carbonyl, or a covalent bond when  $R^{11}$  is H;

$R^{11}$  is H except when  $L^{11}$  is carbonyl, phenyl substituted with 1-3  $R^{50}$ , or  $C_{4-6}$ -heteroaryl containing 1-3 heteroatoms selected from the group N, S, and O and substituted with 1-3  $R^{50}$ ;

$R^{22}$  is H, or  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, such as  $CH_3$ , t-butyl, or neo-pentyl;

$R^{33}$  is H,  $CH_3$  or  $C_{1-3}$  alkyl;

each  $L^{22}$  is independently C(O),  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkylC(O) or a covalent bond;

each  $R^{44}$  is independently H, optionally substituted  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, optionally substituted  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkyl, optionally substituted  $C_{3-7}$  heterocycloalkyl containing at least one N, O or S atom,  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkanone, optionally substituted  $C_{3-7}$  monocyclic or  $C_{7-13}$  bicyclic aryl, optionally substituted  $C_{3-6}$  monocyclic or  $C_{5-13}$  bicyclic heteroaryl containing at least one N, O, or S atom, or optionally substituted  $C_{3-6}$  monocyclic or  $C_{5-13}$  bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one N, O, or S atom, wherein said optional substitutions are one to four  $R^6$  groups;

each  $R^{50}$  is independently H, halo, Cl, F,  $CF_3$ ,  $C_{1-3}$  per fluoro,  $C_{1-3}$  perhalo,  $-OC_{1-3}$  perhalo,  $NO_2$ ,  $CH_3$ ,  $R^7$ ,  $-OCH_3$ ,  $-OR^7$ ,  $-SR^7$ ,  $-CN$ ,  $-NHR^7$ ,  $-N(R^7)_2$ ,  $-CON(H)R^{23}CON(R^7)_2$ ,  $-R^{23}N(H)R^7$ ,  $-R^{23}N(R^7)_2$ ;

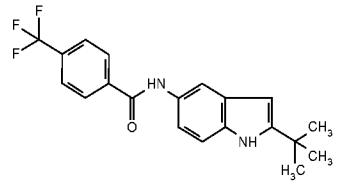
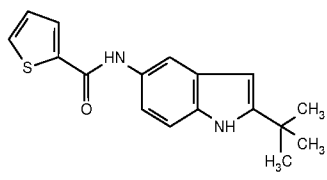
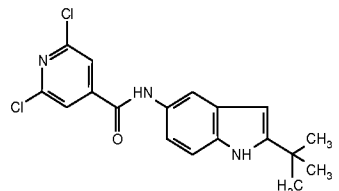
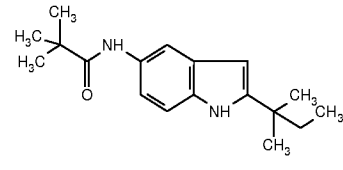
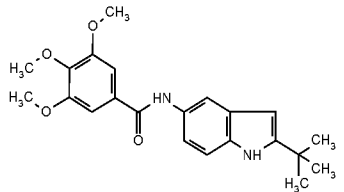
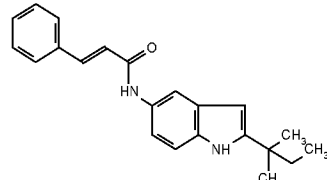
each  $R^6$  is independently H, halo, Cl, F,  $-CF_3$ ,  $-NO_2$ ,  $-R^{50}$ ,  $-SR^{50}$ ,  $-OR^{50}$ ,  $-CN$ ,  $N(R^{50})_2$ ,  $-C(O)R^{50}$ ,  $-R^{23}C(O)R^{50}$ ,  $-CON(R^{50})_2$ ,  $C_4$ - $C_6$  cycloalkyl,  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkanone,  $C_{4-6}$  cycloalkylamine,  $C_{3-6}$  monocyclic or  $C_{5-13}$  bicyclic heteroaryl containing at least one N, O, or S atoms or a  $C_6$ - $C_{12}$  monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one N, O, or S atom;

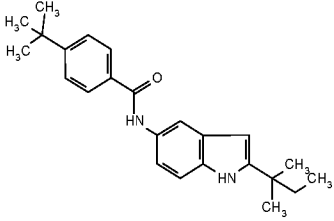
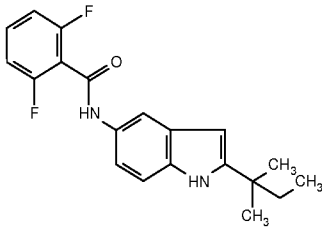
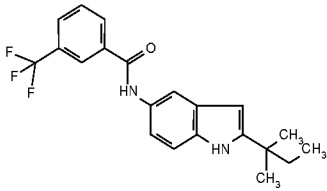
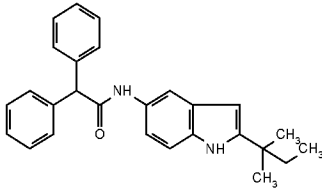
$R^7$  is H, halo or  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl;

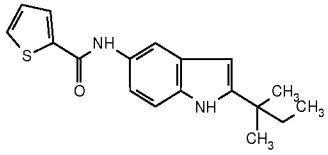
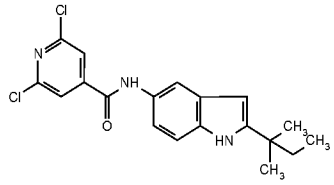
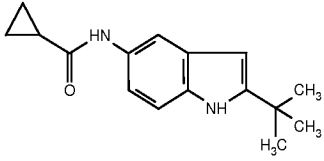
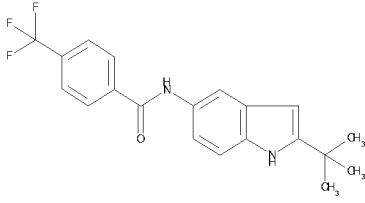
$R^{23}$  is a bond or is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl;

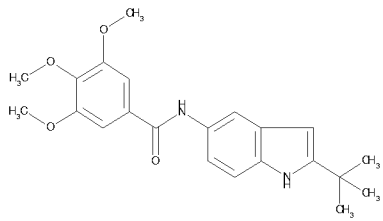
with the proviso that  $R^{22}$  is not  $CH_3$  when  $R^{11}$  is H;

with the further proviso that the compound is not:

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2. Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following,

[0019] In a preferred embodiment of the compounds of paragraph [0018], at least one L<sup>22</sup> is carbonyl.

3. Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following,

[0020] In a preferred embodiment of the compounds of paragraph [0019], the R<sup>44</sup> attached to said at least one L<sup>22</sup> carbonyl is optionally substituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, optionally substituted C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, optionally substituted C<sub>3-7</sub> heterocycloalkyl containing at least one N, O or S atom, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkanone, optionally substituted C<sub>5-7</sub> monocyclic or C<sub>3-13</sub> bicyclic aryl, optionally substituted C<sub>3-6</sub> monocyclic or C<sub>5-13</sub> bicyclic heteroaryl containing at least one N, O, or S atom, or optionally substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>13</sub> monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one N, O, or S atom.

4. Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following,

[0030] In a preferred embodiment of the compounds of paragraph [0018], L<sup>11</sup> is carbonyl.

5. Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following,

[0032] In a preferred embodiment of the compounds of paragraph [0020], L<sup>11</sup> is carbonyl.

6. Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following,

[0043] In one embodiment of the composition according to paragraph [0042], for said compound at least one L<sup>22</sup> is carbonyl.

7. Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following,

[0044] In a preferred embodiment of the composition according to paragraph [0043], for said compound the R<sup>44</sup> attached to said at least one L<sup>22</sup> carbonyl is optionally substituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, optionally substituted C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, optionally substituted C<sub>3-7</sub> heterocycloalkyl containing at least one N, O or S atom, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkanone, optionally substituted C<sub>5-7</sub> monocyclic or C<sub>3-13</sub> bicyclic aryl, optionally substituted C<sub>3-6</sub> monocyclic or C<sub>5-13</sub> bicyclic heteroaryl containing at least one N, O, or S atom, or optionally substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>13</sub> monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one N, O, or S atom.

8. Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following,

[0047] In a preferred embodiment of the composition according to paragraph [0044], for said compound L<sup>11</sup> is carbonyl.